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This will be the 6th year the County of Los Angeles has celebrated Recovery Month. 22.2 Million people in the United States have faced a substance use disorder in the past year, and all deserve to experience the many benefits of recovery. Treatment reduces reported job problems, including incomplete work and absenteeism, by an average of 75 percent. Treatment is cost-effective, with some measurements showing a benefit-to-cost ratio of up to 7:1, with substance use disorder treatment costing \$1,583 per person on average and having a monetary benefit to society of an average \$11,487 for each person treated. It is critical that we educate our community members and local businesses that substance use disorders are a treatable, yet serious health care problem, and by taking steps to address it we can save both lives and dollars.

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I, THEREFORE MOVE THAT THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

That we join the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Los Angeles County Recovery Month Planning Partners to recognize September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

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